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DATA ON BULGARIAN PLAN FULFILLMENT, FIRST HALF 1950,
AND PLANNED ALLOCATION OF FOREIGN TRADE

Plan Fulfillment

The Bulgarian state plan for 1947-1948 provided for restoration and rehabilitation of industry, transport, and agriculture. This plan was exceeded. Its successful completion permitted transfer of effort to a new Five-Year Plan to be completed in 1953.

The Bulgarian state plan for 1949-1953 envisages new industrialization and the extension of cooperative agriculture. Emphasis is placed on the development of heavy industry and machine building--particularly mining machinery. Other principal goals are the extension of electrification and provision of a material base for the socialization of agriculture.

Results reported for the first 2 years of the current plan have been successful. In the first year the general plan was exceeded by 28 percent. By the end of 1949, the general volume of production had been increased by 29.5 percent over 1948, and stood at a level $2\frac{1}{2}$ times greater than in 1939.

The 1950 plan called for a general average increase in production of 16.3 percent in industry, and 40.5 percent in agriculture. Bulgarian press figures on plan fulfillment for the first half of 1950 show that the general plan for this period was fulfilled 101.6 percent.

Plan Fulfillment by Branch of Industry
(in percent)

<u>Industry</u>	<u>1st Qu 50</u>	<u>2nd Qu 50</u>
Metalworking industry	100	101
Electrical technology	100	101
Chemical industry	124	108
Glass industry	125	102

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<u>Industry</u>	<u>1st Qu 50</u>	<u>2d Qu 50</u>
Rubber industry	100	106
Paper-cellulose industry	127	107
Textile industry	99	101
Food industry	98	108
Coal mining industry	96	101
Ore mining, production of concentrates	115	118
Mining of nonore minerals	105	106

Increase in Production of Basic Products

<u>Industry</u>	<u>1st Qu 50 in % of 1st Qu 49</u>	<u>2d Qu 50 in % of 2d Qu 49</u>
Electrical energy	136	121
Coal	104	115
Iron ore	181	113
Reinforcement iron	167	126
Internal combustion engines	187	387
Metal-cutting machine tools	157	102
Tractor-driven seeding machines	140	271
Electric motors	176	175
Transformers	---	512
Electric light bulbs	493	457
Cement	161	128
Refractory materials	264	125

Foreign Trade in Current Five-Year Plan

The current Bulgarian Five-Year Plan (1949-1953) envisages a significant growth in the percentage of total imports allocated to machinery and a reduction in percentages allocated to foodstuffs and raw materials. Export percentage allocations indicate a similar trend. A sharp decrease in the export of industrial crops is planned, while exports of food and animal products will increase.

The Soviet Union is the chief market and source of supply for Bulgarian foreign trade. Bulgaria imports machinery, petroleum products, ferrous and non-ferrous metals, tractors, trucks, and fertilizers from the Soviet Union. Bulgaria exports tobacco, lead and zinc concentrates, copper ore, and cement to the Soviet Union.

The following table shows planned percentage allocations in foreign trade during the current Five-Year Plan:

Planned Structure of Exports and Imports
(in percent of total)

<u>Exports</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1953</u>
Industrial crops	75.3	34.6
Grains, legumes	3.6	9.8
Fresh fruits and vegetables	2.8	8.9
Canned fruits and vegetables	3.2	11.5
Wine, spirit products	1.4	9.0
Animal products	4.7	17.0
Useful minerals	6.2	3.2
Products of wood-processing industry	1.6	2.7
Other goods	0.9	3.5

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<u>Imports</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1953</u>
Machinery, equipment	24.9	48.9
Metals, semiprocessed metal goods	25.5	23.1
Textile raw materials	12.4	6.7
Hides, leather goods	0.3	1.0
Rubber, rubber products	1.9	1.3
Petroleum products	5.3	5.0
Chemicals	7.5	9.7
Medicinal articles	2.3	1.7
Cellulose and paper	6.4	0.6
Food products	10.7	0.4
Other goods	2.8	1.6

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